

To keep their forgo consideration, the "consideration" amounting about 50 per cent interest. Many an unfortunate person has been badly deceived, however, by the shoppers. If an article is valuable they of course wish to retain it, and use every device to do so. Some have even created a false alarm by promising to redeem it at the end of the week. The shopkeeper promises to pay the goods for a stated sum. The owner, however, will call a few hours after and to his chagrin find that the shopkeeper has disposed of the goods. In nine cases out of ten the disappointed person either dislikes to sue or is compelled to sue the authorities or is ashamed to do so.

There are also "fences" in Baxter-st. where stolen goods are disposed of. In some stores a person who has lost a watch or a ring may ask a fence to buy it for one-half its value. All day long and till midnight Baxter-st. from Gatham-st. to Canal is thronged with such people.

The TRIBUNE reporter one day was amused to note a stream of business that is carried on in the streets of New York. A man came along, carrying a trunk under his arm and giving the owner a "reliever" or old coat of clothes in exchange. In a grove-shops' number was a man who had sold his bicycle for \$10. The owner was a mechanic and had exhausted his money on a spree. He had pawned his watch and all he had left was \$10. He arrived into the street, was gone fifteen minutes or so, and returned. He had obtained \$2 or \$3 more for his watch than he had given for it. He asked why which would bring him the price of old rags.